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has been heard of General Buller during the month, and there has been no serious move in Natal. The Boers are occupying the Drakensburg passes into the Free State, and are entrenched northwest of Ladysmith, in the Biggarsberg mountains. The Boers north of General Roberts are massing, and heavy fighting may be expected in a short time. Large numbers of foreigners are reported to have joined the Boer forces. The death of General Joubert, commander-in-chief, has been a heavy blow to the Boers. He is to be succeeded by General Botha. Presidents Krüger and Stein, since the failure of the move for peace, have been using every effort to maintain the courage of the Boers, and as yet there seems no sign of their yielding. The number of killed and wounded British steadily increases from day to day. Including over four thousand who have been sent home invalided, the British losses have reached about twenty-one thousand. The Boer losses, though not so numerous, have been heavy. More English troops are on the way. The British government has declared that the independence of the two republics is to be destroyed. The Afrikanders of Cape Colony have circulated a petition strongly protesting against this course.

Brevities.

. . . "The less Englishmen boast of this campaign, the better it will be for them in the opinion of many men."
— *The Christian Intelligencer*.

. . . "If there are two things which every American, good or bad, must regard as definitely wrong, they are the institution of slavery and the government of a people against its own will."— *Manchester Guardian*.

. . . "More truly than on the field the real horrors of war are learned from the long agonies in the hospital."
— *E. P. Roe*.

. . . A meeting in opposition to the South African war, held in Bradford, England, on the 25th ult., was broken up by "patriots" who hurled dead cats and other "patriotic" missiles at the organizers of the meeting. The speakers were violently hustled and prohibited from speaking. *One hundred and twenty* policemen were *unable* to preserve order. The papers describe the scene as a huge patriotic demonstration!

. . . "There is nothing more patriotic than sincerity towards one's country."— *Frederic Passy*.

. . . General Booth recommends to the Salvation Army workers in South Africa active Christian love towards Briton and Boer alike.

. . . "To be consistent, those people who contend that a little blood-letting is necessary now and then should resort to the worship of Thor and Odin."— *E. Belleruche*.

. . . The Venezuela arbitration has cost Great Britain \$328,125. It has probably cost the United States about the same. The South African war has cost Great Britain that sum every *eight hours*.

. . . Mr. Root, the secretary of war, who has been visiting and studying conditions in Cuba, has told the

Cubans that it is the intention of the United States to carry out toward the Cuban people the pledge given in the joint resolution of Congress.

. . . One of the very best things which have been published on the Transvaal side of the South African question is "The Boer and the Briton in South Africa," by Rev. Lewis Grout, who was fifteen years a missionary in Natal. It can be had for ten cents of Clapp & Jones, Brattleboro, Vt.

. . . The Lay Electoral Conference of the South West Kansas Methodist Conference on the 16th of March passed strong resolutions condemning war as inhuman and un-Christian, highly commending international peace, "hailing with thanksgiving" the work of the Hague Conference, and pledging the members to do their utmost in their communities and churches to create sentiment in favor of peace among the nations.

. . . During the past year four important petitions in support of arbitration, reduction of armaments, and the work of the Hague Conference, signed by many thousands of citizens and supported by great public assemblies, have been sent to the German parliament and forwarded by it to the chancellor of the empire.

. . . On Tuesday, February 27, General Cronje surrendered to Lord Roberts, and on Wednesday night, February 28, Lord Dundonald reached and relieved Ladysmith after the siege by Joubert's army had gone on for one hundred and eighteen days.

. . . Count Von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, says: "Our aims are always directed toward peace, and it will not be broken by us. I can give no guarantee of the action of others. Therefore, we must be armed." The other governments talk peace in the same unctuous way, but are unable to give any guarantee for Germany. So the gigantic folly of armaments goes ever on. Would that some nation were honest enough to tell the truth!

. . . A meeting in favor of stopping the war, held in Exeter Hall, London, on the 2d of March, was invaded by drunken "patriotic" rowdies. After they had been expelled, Mr. Silas Hocking said that he would not insult the Boers by comparing them with the rowdies who had been ejected.

. . . "The brave deeds of military life will soon give way to the braver deeds of sacrifice in helping one another. There are many people listening to me who will hear the last cannon roar in the cause of war. War is unnecessary, the present war and the last war as well."
— *Dr. Talmage*.

. . . "We have not yet awakened to the true love of country which manifests itself in a desire to save the country from sin."— *Rev. G. E. Talmage*.

. . . The Belgian socialists recently issued a statement showing in detail that the cost of the army in that small country would pension *two million persons* with *four dollars a week*, and in addition provide them with doctors and medicine in case of sickness.

. . . It is hinted that Lord Salisbury means soon to bring before the House of Commons a scheme for imperial federation which will provide for representation of the colonies in the British Parliament.

. . . The famine plague in India has recently, according to reports, been carrying off about five thousand victims per week, a record unparalleled in the history of modern calamities. The outlay of the British government on the South African war per week would give a weekly allowance of five dollars each to two million people.

. . . A treaty between the United States and Great Britain relative to estates of citizens of the one country who die in the other was ratified by the United States Senate on March 22 by an almost unanimous vote.

. . . In a recent interview in Berlin, Ambassador Andrew D. White said: "I would like to see the United States and Germany be the first countries to make use of the Hague tribunal, which is also adapted to the settling of commercial disagreements. The world does not yet know what an excellent piece of machinery that tribunal is."

. . . Rev. Richard Lovett, Secretary of the Religious Tract Society, London, author of a "History of the London Missionary Society," says that "the refusal of a Samoan to take part in a tribal war because war is contradictory to the Gospel is a far more eloquent testimony to the power of the truth than the enrolment of a dozen Samoan names upon a church roll, some of whom fall away when war breaks out."

. . . The National Liberal Federation, which met at Nottingham, England, March 27, took strong grounds against the South African war. Dr. Spence Watson, the chairman, said: "Surely the country has not fallen so low as to deliberately destroy two free and independent nationalities."

. . . Among the immigrants arriving the past month at New York was an unusually large number of young Englishmen, some of whom are said to have left their homes to avoid military service.

. . . Ex-President Cleveland, supporting the neutralization of the Nicaragua canal, as proposed by the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, says: "With reference to the canal across Nicaragua, I have always thought that whatever was done in its promotion by the government of the United States should be done as a contribution by it to the cause of progress and advancing civilization."

. . . A very able discourse was delivered by Mr. Elie Ducommun, secretary of the International Peace Bureau, at Geneva, Switzerland, February 12, on the causes of war, patriotism, the Hague Conference, and the forces in general which are now operating to put an end to international hatred and fighting.

. . . The *Morning Leader*, of London, says that Cecil Rhodes has already cost the British Empire \$300,000,000 in cash, some sixteen thousand killed and wounded, not to speak of the ill-will of foreign states and the risks and expenses involved therein.

. . . We have received the seventh number of the first volume of a new peace journal entitled *The Sound*, published in English, French and German, at 185 Victoria Street, London, S. W. The price is twelve shillings per year including postage.

. . . "National honor does not consist in never avowing that one has done wrong, but rather in seeking, in all justice, to recognize the right of others over against

one's own, and even to go beyond strict justice and pronounce against oneself rather than in favor of oneself, in case of doubt." — *Sir Stafford Northcote*.

. . . The United States coast defense now has one thousand mortars, each of which will throw a shell weighing one thousand pounds a distance of seven miles in sixty seconds.

. . . The gold standard bill, passed by the House of Representatives on December 18 by forty majority, and afterwards by the Senate in an amended form by eighteen majority, was reapproved by the House on March 13 by forty-six majority. It was signed by the President the next day and became law.

Paul and the Soldier.

BY CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD.

Paul, to a soldier chained, does not endorse
A gospel wedded to a world of force,
But, raising such a protest as he may,
Himself goes free and leads grim war away.
Nor shall on earth the sweet insistence cease,
Till all are captive to the Prince of Peace.

CATSKILL, N.Y.

The Old Savage.

BY W. HENRY WINSLOW.

Forth from the mists of ancient days,
Shadowing the dim historic page,
With tatooed limbs or paint-smeared face,
Who grimly stalks from age to age,
Braggart and thief with craft like brutes,
Filthy and false in everything,
Battle and chase his sole pursuit,
At whom we idly have our fling?
The savage with the club.

Yet who are we to give him blame,
Him who ne'er knew the Golden Rule,
Who fought for food and life, not fame,
Never set eyes on pen or tool,
Nor dreamed of home or church or Christ,
With nought to hope and all to fear,
For whom the beast's poor life sufficed!
Thank Heaven he is not with us here,
The savage with the club.

Long lay his fossil bones at rest,
Forgotten was his age of stone,
When clad in steel with gilded crest,
For plunder or from pride alone,
The brawling knights in combat met,
Honor on lips and base of life;
Still the fair earth with blood was wet,
Polluted through the wanton strife
Of savages with spears.

But now how changed is our new day,
More than the Golden Rule is ours;
Serfs against serfs in forced array
No more shall fight for ruthless powers;
Wherever white-winged commerce flies
The gentle missionary goes;
The kid beside the leopard lies,
Deserts shall blossom as the rose:
No savage need we fear.